

bill out there and still pending. But I think 977, this would be a good opportunity to attach these particular provisions that the county commissioners were quite concerned with, or the county election commissioners were quite concerned about with respect to some of those things we learned from the court cases and the like that came out of Gage County and other election problems. And so if you'd look at 977, you'd find that, one, it needs an E clause, because we certainly want to have these things fixed before the primary election, and obviously before the general election of next year. So one of the things that my amendment would do would be attach an E clause to 424, if we adopt these other provisions. Also, what we're requesting is some specific technical changes that came out of 977, in committee, with respect to the signature versus the initialing question on the ballots, identifying a designated place on the ballot where those should be. The full signature on absentee ballots and the initialing proposals with respect to the ballots at the polling place. There's also a request on their part, we now have a minimum wage standard and we need to bring the statutes up-to-date with respect to the wages paid to election workers on election day. So those have been lifted up to the current minimum wage rather than the old minimum wage. We also have a provision that addresses optical scanning, that's in 977 for the purposes of allowing counties who already are using optical scanning, to give them the statutory authority to use optical scanning for the running through the ballots. There's also...it requires candidates to be residents of the counties from which they are filed. We have public service commission, for instance, is a situation where the public service commissioner does not have to reside within the district in which he lives. And the committee felt that any individual who's running for office ought to be a resident of the district from which he intends to serve, and so that cleans it up. So, basically the amendment I offer is many of these provisions out of 977 that the election clerks and the Government Committee, after their analysis, felt ought to be handled this year before we get into another election. And by putting this in 924 (sic), it puts us in a position that we probably can get it passed. We also can be in a situation, with an E clause, that we can bring these provisions and these things that are important to this upcoming election, up at a level where they can be addressed before the primary election of May 12. So, I offer this amendment, amendment being AM3298, to be attached to LB 424 as it advances. So, I hope the body can adopt this amendment to 924 (sic).